CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for providing glutamine supplementation to a human comprising the oral administration of a liquid composition that provides at least 0.7 mmoles/kg/day of N-acetyl-L-glutamine, or a nutritionally acceptable salt thereof.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) A method according to claim 1 in which said human is administered at least 1.0 moles/ kg/day of N-acetyl-L-glutamine or a nutritionally acceptable salt.

4. (original) A method according to claim 1 in which said human is administered at least 1.5 mmoles/ kg/day of N-acetyl-L-glutamine or a nutritionally acceptable salt.

5. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said nutritionally acceptable salt is selected from the group consisting of: lithium, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and aluminum, ammonium, tetramethylammonium, tetraethylammonium, methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, triethylamine, diethylamine, ethylamine, tributylamine, pyridine, N,N-dimethylaniline, N-methylpiperidine, N-methylmorpholine, dicyclohexylamine, procaine, dibenzylamine, N,N-dibenzylphenethylamine, 1-ephenamine, N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine, ethylenediamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, piperidine, piperazine, and mixtures thereof.

6. (previously presentedl) A method according to claim 1 wherein said human suffers from a condition selected from the group consisting of: gastrointestinal surgery, gastrointestinal resection, small bowel transplant, post surgical trauma, short bowel syndrome, Crohn's disease, prematurity of the gut, gut deterioration associated with particular treatments, and combinations thereof.

7-43. (canceled)